

# NORTH CAROLINA

## A.&N.C. RAILWAY LEASE

Conference of Officials Held at Greensboro Yesterday.

## STATUS OF THE INTERESTING SITUATION

Pearson Very Sore Because of Caldwell's Arbitrary Action—The Postmaster's Ruling—An Important Ruling by the Attorney General—Governor Confers With Dr. Holt.

Raleigh, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—At Greensboro yesterday there was a very important conference, lasting all day, between President Spencer and Vice President Andrews of the Southern Railway, and W. H. Day, of counsel for Governor Russell, regarding the lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway to the Southern.

Spencer and Andrews were anxious to carry out the original proposition as it came from Governor Russell. They object to that part of the proposed letter by Governor Russell which is a departure from his original tentative proposition. They have agreed that Governor Russell shall write a letter which they think covers the ground, that is covers every purpose of the Governor, but does not flagrantly inject the railway matter into politics. They will consent that the Governor write a letter in which he will state that he preferred that the Legislature should deal with the matter, but that the official interests involved for the State are such that he advises the Railway Commission to rescind the reduction of passenger rates and take no further steps until the meeting of the Legislature. If your correspondent is correctly informed, and he thinks he is, then there is no reason why the Governor should not accede to this request and thus end this litigation, because, settlement or no settlement, the Legislature has power to act. My informant was in Greensboro yesterday and gives the exact status of this very interesting situation, which involves no less than three matters—the stoppage of the Governor's fight against the lease of the North Carolina railway, the revocation of yesterday's action in reducing passenger rates and the making of a 30 year lease of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway to the Southern for thirty years at 25 per cent. per annum on the capital stock and the bonded debt of the road, giving the State \$30,000 a year, and insuring the perfect maintenance of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad.

Treasurer Worth who is wrapped up in the idea of the lease of the latter road, says he for the whole matter is off. Revenue Collector Carl Duncan says he takes the same view since yesterday's action, as he does not believe the Southern desires the road, but neither Worth nor Duncan knew of the facts developed since this conference at Greensboro yesterday.

Franklin cowboys from one of the Roanoke farms have arrived at the penitentiary to work in the brick yards and shirt factory, and a like number of new convicts have been sent to the farm.

Railway Commissioner Pearson appears to be rather sore because of Chairman Caldwell's action yesterday in refusing to adopt a "judgment" in the matter of the reduction of passenger rates. As matters now stand there is no "record" of the reasons why the reduction was made—in other words it was an arbitrary action, so to speak. Pearson thinks he has got his "judgment" on the record, but lawyers say they are in no wise a part of it. It is said the Governor knows the same thing. Now then, the question arises, can the action of the commissioners stand the test of the courts when the railways bring injunction proceedings?

One of the questions asked is, will the Populists split? They fear Democratic influence—that is those of Republican propaganda have that fear. Republicans are now saying "we will bug the Populists," and the Populists can organ to-day say: "Our idea of fusion is that when it is thought best to nominate Populists the latter should choose their men and every Republican should vote for them, and when it is

expedient to nominate Republicans the latter should name the men and the Populists should support them without regard to their financial views. In other words, follow the Golden Rule—Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you."

The hearing as to the application for a receiver for the Western North Carolina railroad is postponed until March 25th. The Federal Court has been sent the transcripts by the clerk of Rowan Superior Court. Judge Melver, of the State Court, sent an order restraining the clerk from certifying the transcripts, but it was too late.

It is now learned that Governor Russell sent for Dr. J. J. Mott to come here Sunday on business connected with the Populist conference of this week.

Rev. R. S. Rives, pastor of a colored Methodist church at Fayetteville, offers his services to the Governor as chaplain of a regiment of colored troops for war with Spain.

The Executive Committee of the penitentiary is a burden to Superintendent Melbourne just as it was to John R. Smith. Melbourne thinks some of its duties, particularly as to approval of bills, unnecessary and delaying.

The matter of the postmaster's action at Raleigh comes up tomorrow at Washington before Senator Pritchard, John Nichols, C. T. Bailey and A. W. Shaffer have gone there. They are the avowed aspirants. J. B. Hill is also an aspirant.

The Attorney-General made a ruling to-day that where a person is fined for contempt of court and the fine is collected and paid in and the Judge remits it, it requires a special act of the Legislature to secure the refunding of the fine.

## AULANDER.

Aulander, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—Hon. John G. Peacher, United States special examiner for the Pension Bureau, was here yesterday on business.

Rev. O. L. Strickland, financial agent of the State Baptist Female University, passed through our town this evening on his way to Bethlehem, where he will preach to-morrow.

A good many of our people have attended the revival at Chowan church, Winton, conducted by Evangelist J. E. Hutton this week.

Dr. E. H. Horton, special examining surgeon at this point for the Pension Bureau, went to Kelford today on professional business.

Mr. William Pritchard, from the county, returned from Baltimore this evening. He went there several days ago on a business trip and will enter the Baltimore Dental College next fall.

Little Annie Dunning, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. R. J. Dunning, while walking on the streets to-day, fell and dislocated her collar bone, breaking the clavicle. Dr. Harrell was immediately summoned and dressed the wound.

Mr. W. H. Taylor went to Norfolk this morning on a short business trip. Farmers around here are selling a quantity of peanuts. Mr. George W. Lassiter shipped 500 bags today and others are shipping a good number, hoping for an advance in prices by the time they get in market.

## WASHINGTON.

Washington, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—A man named Gibbs from Hyde county, fell overboard a night or two ago and was drowned. He had come in on a fish boat and was supposed to have been intoxicated.

On the 16th the infant daughter of Mr. J. B. Moore died of measles, which are prevailing.

Rev. Mr. Gales, evangelist, is conducting a series of meetings here. He has large audiences and much interest is being manifested.

Mr. J. H. Blake is fitting a factory to make truck barrels, fish and truck boxes and crates. He will have it in running order in a few days.

Rev. Mackhouse Spear, of Ft. Marion, Pa., has accepted a call from some of the Churches of Christ in Hyde county and passed through here on route to his field of labor. Mr. Spear is a graduate of Bethany College of Virginia.

Mr. J. J. Hekey, late of Elizabeth City, has accepted a position with the Eureka Lumber company.

The Washington Phasing mill has started up and is managed by Mr. W. H. Edwards.

Dr. Billinger (C. N. Jones & Co.) is erecting works in the West End for the manufacture of chemicals.

Mrs. H. Susman, formerly of South Bert, is critically ill.

The gas company is busy putting in their works and expect to light us up soon.

## ELIZABETH CITY.

Elizabeth City, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—Miss Marguerite Hollowell is visiting friends in Edenton.

Dr. Penick will shortly begin a series of revival meetings at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Clark, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mrs. Judge Brooks, on South Road street.

Dr. W. F. Lowry, the proprietor of the new Opera House, is arranging to have a number of the foremost platform orators of the country lecture here. The ever popular Tom Dixon will be the first.

Although Easter does not come until April 19th, the feminine mind is already busy with plans for millinery and other personal adornments for that occasion.

There will be a festival at the Mason's hall to-night.

## PLYMOUTH.

Plymouth, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—Mrs. A. R. Dupree returned home yesterday afternoon from Norfolk.

Mr. Fred Dunston, of Elizabeth City, passed through our town yesterday en route to Windsor.

Mr. J. A. Chesson, of Roper, was in town yesterday.

Miss Jennie Brinkley, of Roper, is the guest of Miss Nona Brinkley.

Mr. E. D. McCabe returned home yesterday afternoon from a few days' trip to Norfolk.

Mrs. A. W. Manning left this morning for Edenton to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Purvey.

Mrs. T. A. Vail returned home yesterday from Baltimore.

Edenton, N. C., March 18.—(Special).—Rev. K. H. Pasrajian, an Armenian, is expected here to-morrow and will

preach at the Baptist church Sunday. Next week he will give illustrated lectures on Armenia, Turkey and Constantinople. He comes highly recommended by a number of noted divines.

Mr. W. S. Pendleton went to Cambridge yesterday on professional business.

Mrs. J. C. Bond returned on the noon train yesterday from the hospital at Baltimore, where she has been for treatment for several weeks.

Miss Ida Richardson, of Norfolk, is visiting relatives here on Broad street.

There will be special services at the M. E. church Sunday night by the W. C. T. U.

Mrs. L. L. Brinkley leaves to-day for Norfolk to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. A. White, of Norfolk, is here on a visit to friends.

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## HESTER'S COTTON STATEMENT.

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The total visible is 4,170,278 bales, against 4,233,394 last week, 3,552,256 last year and 4,620,353 in 1895. Of this the total of American cotton is 3,889,278 bales, against 4,002,394 last week, 3,131,926 last year and 4,302,193 in 1895, and of all other kinds, including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 281,000 bales, against 381,000 last week, 420,300 last year and 318,200 in 1895.

The total world's visible supply of cotton shows a decrease compared with last week of 113,116 bales, an increase compared with last year of 618,052 and a decrease compared with 1895 of 450,115 bales.

The most interesting feature in Secretary Hester's weekly New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement issued to-day, is that it shows more cotton marketed during the six months and eighteen days that have elapsed of this season than has ever been moved in any year known to the history of the trade. In round figures 9,975,000 bales have been brought into sight this season, while the largest commercial crop hitherto recorded (about of 1894-'95) was 9,901,000 bales, the next largest crop was 9,035,000 in the year 1891-'92 and the third largest was 8,855,000 in 1896-'97.

The movement into sight for the past week compared with the seven days ending this date last year, in round figures, shows an increase of 81,000 bales, an increase over the same days year before last of 99,000, and over the same time in 1895 of 131,000. For the 18 days of March the totals show an increase over last year of 197,000, an increase over the same period year before last 253,000 and over 1895 of 113,000.

For the 190 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is ahead of 199 days of last year, 2,165,000 ahead of the same days year before last, 3,695,000, and of 1895 by 1,046,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 171,061, against 50,506 for the seven days ending this date last year, 72,058 year before last and 157,785 same time in 1895, and for the 18 days of March it has been 155,150, against 258,294 last year, 202,373 year before last, and 342,520 same time in 1895. These make the total movement for the 190 days from September 1st to date 9,975,118, against 7,870,391 last year, 6,280,637 year before last and 8,929,422 same time in 1895.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 7,855,573, against 6,231,011 last year, 4,671,172 year before last, and 7,138,796 same time in 1895; over the Mississippi, Ohio and Indiana rivers to Northern mills and Canada 1,052,203, against 767,778 last year, 704,204 year before last and 935,917 same time in 1895.

Interior stock in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 362,675, against 175,635 last year; 281,169 year before last and 277,215 same time in 1895. Southern mill takings, exclusive of consumption at Southern outports, 734,967, against 709,967 last year, 621,092 year before last and 577,504 same time in 1895.

Foreign exports for the week have been 170,665, against 107,708 last year, making the total thus far for the season 5,916,060, against 4,971,694 last year, an increase of 944,366.

Northern mill takings during the past seven days show an increase of 48,142 as compared with the corresponding period last year, and their total takings since September 1st have increased 529,837.

The total takings of American mills, North and South, have been 2,711,244, against 3,144,384 last year. These include 1,558,264 by Northern spinners, against 1,428,127.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 20 leading Southern interior centers have decreased during the week 90,714, against a decrease during the corresponding period last season of 53,208, and are now 372,274 in excess of this date last year.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 10,091,972 against 8,208,940 for the same period last year.

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Few men in this country who have lived to "clear the eight-barred gate which not many come in sight of, and fewer go over," have enjoyed more of the blessing of a long, active, well-spent life than Patrick A. Donahoe, the founder of the Boston Pilot.

In every city, village and hamlet, throughout the several cities and territories of the Union where the Irish-American people have settled, the name of Patrick Donahoe is spoken with respect, admiration and affection.

More than half a century ago, Mr. Donahoe established the Pilot. In 1870 he engaged John Boyle O'Reilly, who was his brilliant editor for twenty years.

To every good cause and to every worthy he has been a generous subscriber. Scarcely a Catholic church in New England that has not been a recipient of his bounty.

Mr. Donahoe is now eighty-six.

The following open letter, sent to Wells, Richardson & Co., is, in fact, addressed to the thousands of friends all over the land, in whose hearts and homes Patrick Donahoe has found so large a place.

I recently suffered from prostration brought on by a protracted illness of a very trying character, and at the suggestion of friends who were believers in your remedy (Paine's Celery Compound) I was induced to give it a trial.

I am happy to say that the result was most satisfactory, and I felt its good effect immediately. Hence I am able to recommend its use in cases like mine, where the nerve system, from any cause, is run down and needs a reliable tonic.

I am happy to state that two members of my family have used Paine's Celery Compound with the most gratifying results. My daughter-in-law, Mrs. P. M. Donahoe, has received the most pronounced results from its use, whilst my son, J. Frank Donahoe, the organizer of the Catholic, is loud in its praise, having found it a great help in regaining his strength from overwork in his profession.

Yes, I believe in Paine's Celery Compound.

PATRICK DONAHOE.

Three-fourths of all the aches, pains and disabilities that aged persons suffer from arise from a general retarded circulation. The slow blood stream gets choked with an accumulation of waste matter that renders its presence a twofold of rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia and inability to sleep. All these unnatural conditions can be corrected and permanently done away with by vigorously cleansing the blood and regulating the tardy circulation. Paine's Celery Compound is presentment's capable of doing this beyond any other remedy.

There is nothing vague about the son of "good health" that is promised by Paine's Celery Compound and vouched for by men and women who have used it. It meets, among other things, firm nerves, corrects digestion, invigorates breath and more regular bodily functions. Paine's Celery Compound secures these and other remedies fast, because Paine's Celery Compound is the discover-

ery of a great physician, who knew all that the school and text books could teach him, but more than that, he knew sick men and women as few physicians in any age have known them. Prof. Edward E. Phelps, M. D., LL. D., of the Dartmouth medical school, was able to drive out disease from the system, because he knew where the disease was lodged and how to help the excretory organs, instead of confusing them as so many medical remedies do in their effort to cleanse the blood. Paine's Celery Compound encourages and strengthens the kidneys and enables them to cleanse the blood of its waste, poisonous matters that are the direct cause of drowsiness, listlessness, melancholia, blood diseases, wasting sicknesses, headaches and that general "run down" condition that opens the door to defective organic diseases of the heart, kidneys or stomach, especially when a person is advanced in years and no longer possessed of the abundant energy that characterizes youth alone.

Paine's Celery Compound makes the blood a bright red color, increases its volume in the arteries and quickens its circulation and enables a nerve tired person to sleep eight or nine hours at a stretch. Every man or woman whose nervous strength is at all overtaxed, or whose life is a busy one in many directions, will feel the invigorating, vitalizing effect of Paine's Celery Compound, and see his or her health mend from the first use of this greatest of all known invigorators and remedies.

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Respectfully,  
J. H. CHATAIGNE.

**Notice of Meeting.**

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23rd, 1898.

A general meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital of St. Vincent de Paul for the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at the Hospital Building, Wood Street, city, on WEDNESDAY, March 20th, 1898, between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m.

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